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Lenoir, NC **FIRST united methodist CHURCH**
FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Pancake Day
At FUMC

Tuesday, March 5th

10:30am-1:00pm and 4:30pm-7:00pm

\$4—Children

\$6—Adults

Purchase tickets through the youth on Sunday mornings or by visiting the church office.



Proceeds to support:



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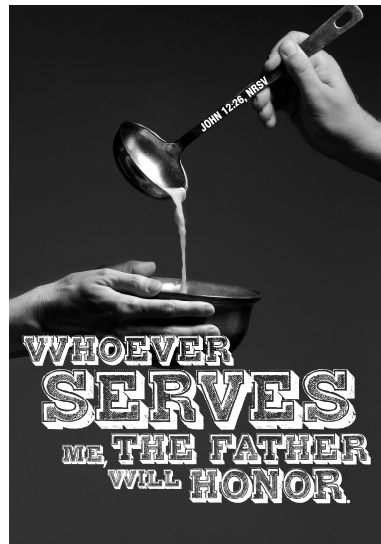
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We will be publishing our Lenten Devotional again this year! Please consider taking a few minutes out of your day to write a small devotion that can be included in our book. Contact Zach or Sheila Triplett-Brady for more information.



We are filling up our Room at the Table calendar for this coming year! Please consider signing up with some friends or talk with your Sunday School class or small group about signing up for an open date. The needed months are:

June
July

All newsletter information will now need to be turned in by the 15th of the prior month to ensure timely publication!

the PASTOR'S PEN

Dear FUMC Family,

I pray that you are staying warm and healthy. The winter has been long, dark, wet, and cold. And many persons have stayed in and grown discouraged.

At our church, we are going to try to bring our community out and together for one day – Tuesday, March 5, in our first ever Pancake Day for Habitat for Humanity. Ticket prices will be a very reasonable \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, with all of the proceeds going to our local Habitat.

We hope to serve at least 250 school children, their teachers, first responders (both of which groups will eat free) and other persons the best pancakes and fixings they've ever eaten during the lunch hours of 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; and then be open again to persons all across our community from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - all in our Christian Life Center.

The date of the event is Shrove/Fat Tuesday, the day that directly precedes the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. During the Middle Ages, followers of Christ were encouraged to use up all of their sugar and fat before Lent began, at which point they were asked to begin a season of denial.



Our hope is to bring all of Lenoir together during the dark, cold season of winter to enjoy one another's company and raise money for a wonderful local cause.

The reason I'm sending you this letter is that we need your help to make this day all it can be. And there are so many ways to do that: volunteer to greet, cook, serve, and straighten up during lunch and/or dinner.

But too we hope to feed school children and first responders free, meaning we are seeking persons to help underwrite their tickets, so we can make as much money as possible for Habitat.

Let us know of your interest. There will be sign-up sheets at worship services and in the church office. Too you can call or email us at FUMC with your desires.

What a wonderful day we will have together!

Blessings and love,

The Rev. Dr. Dave Melton

Senior Pastor, FUMC, Lenoir, N.C.

Upcoming EVENTS

Church and Birthday/Anniversary Calendar February 2019

~ February 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12pm-2pm Rotary-CLC	2 Groundhog Day
3 Super Bowl 9am-10am First Light Service-CLC 10am-11am Sunday School 11am-12pm Worship Service-Sanctuary 6pm-8pm Youth	4 1pm-2pm Handchimes 6:30pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts	5 6:30am-7:30am Men's Bible Study (First United Methodist Church), 309 Church St NW, Lenoir, NC 286) 6:30pm-7:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm-8:30pm The Way of Prayer Bible Study (Genesis Classroom) 7:30pm-8:30pm Praise Band	6 3pm-5pm CAST 5pm-6pm Faith Lift Dinner 7pm-8pm Chancel Choir	7	8 12pm-2pm Rotary-CLC 6pm-8pm West Caldwell High School Band Benefit Concert (Christian Life Center)	9
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Donna Berquist (b.)	2 Caden Horn (b.) Jennifer Rudisill (b.) Ashley Watkins (b.)
3 Sharon Everhardt (b.)	4	5 Kate Barlowe (b.) Lauren Leopard (b.) Gracie VanOsdol (b.) Sherry Wall (b.)	6 Diana McClinton (b.) Janice Moses (b.) Ralph Prestwood Jr. (b.)	7 Bill Salisbury (b.) Michael & Linda Ulrich (w.) Justin Woodard (b.)	8 Melissa Dunn (b.) Judy McDade (b.) John Spencer (b.) Owen Wilson IV (b.)	9 Lui Greene (b.) Cooper Horn (b.) Jack Howard (b.) Sarah Sponenberg (b.) Wesley Wilson (b.)
10 Paula Arrowood (b.) Buddy Spoon Jr. (b.)	11 Susan Davis (b.) Mary Ruth Horn (b.) Jeff Joyce (b.)	12 Cyndi Akins (b.) Earl Jr. Austin Jr. (b.) Jim Melton (b.) Cheryl Watts (b.)	13 Cary Carpenter (b.) Becky Crawford (b.) Manisue Haigler (b.)	14 Ruth Ann Dunn (b.) Eli Ervin (b.) Becky Crawford (b.) Lynn Flaherty (b.) Lui & Olivia Greene (w.) Michelle Huffstetter (b.) Donna Staples (b.) Edward Terry (b.) Meredith Wilson (b.)	15 David Beard (b.) Geoff & Deana Biddix (w.) Sofia Griffith (b.) John Howarth (b.) Teddy & Suzie Lanier Jr. (w.) Bob & Carolyn Query Jr. (w.)	16 David Crawford (b.) Jonathan Fisher (b.) John Henry Jr. (b.)
17 Bobby Fulmer (b.) Carrie Griffith (b.)	18 Wayne & Toni Bartlett (w.) Jon Broynhill (b.) Ashton Kirby (b.)	19 Alicia Brown (b.)	20 Clark Barlowe (b.) Bailey Bumgarner (b.) Lauren Hodges (b.) Josh Ingle (b.) Tracey McGuire (b.) Deone Roe (b.)	21 Betty Boham (b.)	22 Betty Barnett (b.) Ezekiel Fitzgerald (b.) Gabe Griffin (b.) Zane Sanders (b.) Grace Terry (b.) Mary West (b.)	23 Lindsay Barlowe (b.) Barb Davis (b.) Stella Meredith-Williams (b.)
24 Lisa Crumpton (b.) Ed Jones III (b.)	25 Lauren Anderson (b.) Trent Stallings (b.)	26 Zachary Ellis (b.) Revere & Cherise Rayle (w.)	27 Kelly Bentley (b.) Sheila Brady (b.) Danny & Becky Clark (w.) Mark Roberts (b.)	28 Serena Bush (b.)	Abby Braswell (b.) Susan Morgan (b.)	

bits and PIECES

Due to changes in tax laws, most people will not be able to use their charitable contributions on their taxes this year. In an effort to save money and resources, we will not be bulk-mailing our contribution statements out this year. If you would like to receive a **statement for your contributions** for 2018, please email our Financial Secretary, Lisa Bennick, at lbennick@fumc-lenoir.com. She can print your statement and mail it or email it to you. Her phone extension is ext. 23.

West Caldwell High School Band will be presenting their 2nd Annual **Benefit Concert** on February 8th at First United Methodist Church Lenoir at 6:00 p.m. There is no entry fee for this event, but it is donation based to raise funds for WCHS instrument repair and purchase, student audition fees, and uniform cleaning/repair, music, and a multitude of other student needs. We would love to see you at this event! However, if you are unable to attend and want to make a donation, of any amount, checks can be made to WCHS Band Boosters and given to Zach in the office.

Vivian Armfield will be 90 years young on March 6! Please join Vivian and her family to celebrate her birthday on March 3 immediately following the 11 a.m. service in the CLC.

This month's shoebox items:
Ivory Bar Soap (full-size)
Washcloths

What a blessing it is to have babies and toddlers playing in our new **Nursery!** If you would like to get to know the youngest members of our FUMC family, please contact Melanie Anderson (manderson@fumc-lenoir.com) so she can add you to the nursery helper list. You can even pick your Sunday! It is a very easy job because we have the best behaved babies in the world! If you are between the ages of 15 and 115, you are welcome to join us. Mary Beth Crowe and Melanie will always be there to help, but it is important for all the members of our church family to help bring up these children in the way they should go. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Volunteers (men and women, alike!) are needed to serve in the local **Prison Ministry** with Bill Ellis and Buddy Anderson. This is the most rewarding experience that meets two nights per week for two hours. You will be blessed as you bless others by serving in this capacity. We have a Bible Study on Monday and Tuesday evenings and you can volunteer for either of those. Please contact Rob Gardner or Zach for more information.

Get **IN**volved



Staff REPORTS

staffing ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced in both services last Sunday (January 27) that Zach Bowyer, our Organist and Office Manager, has taken another job, effective February 25, in Charlotte. Zach has served us as organist for the last three years. He has been a blessing to the whole of our congregation during that time.

Zach's last Sunday with us will be February 17. A reception will follow the 11:00 service on that day in our Christian Life Center. Please have Zach and our congregation in your prayers over the next weeks during this time of transition. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is at work seeking his replacements.

music NOTES

what's happening in the music ministry

Let's look at some ways that singing has mental and emotional benefits. Scientists have found a tiny organ in the ear which reacts to the vibrations caused by singing. It's called the sacculus. It will help to create a sense of pleasure.....supposedly regardless of what the singing sounds like....(haha...my sacculus doesn't always respond that way.) I do know however that music and singing helps to release endorphins, a great brain chemical that will lift your spirit and many times take you to places of wonderful excitement, gratitude, and peace. Wow....the power of music.

Singing will also lower stress levels. My husband hears me singing a lot in the morning.....just as I am thinking about what needs to be done during the day. Scientists say that singing releases muscle tension and takes away some of the cortisol stress hormone in your bloodstream. And just one more thing, singing to God is a way of praying and praising Him. It's a way to put Him first in our lives, a way to replace fear with love, and anxiety with peace.



Come on and join our chancel choir! Don't say you're too old or you can't read music (or whatever!). We'll help you get better at singing, and there are lots of CDs and mp3 files that will help you learn your parts. This singing group is a GIFT FROM GOD; please don't let it pass you by. You'll be blessed in many ways when you sing with us!

Jamie

Director of Music Ministries



GOD'S LOVE IS LIKE...

God's love is like a fallen baby bird being gently placed back in the nest.
 God's love is like being so tired and weary and finally finding such sweet rest.
 God's love is like a warm hand wiping a tear that is rolling down your cheek.
 God's love is like suddenly finding everything you could ever seek.
 God's love is like sunshine after ten days of rain.
 God's love is like relief found from every hurt and pain.
 God's love is like experiencing light after only experiencing dark.
 God's love is like hitting the target when you have always missed the mark.
 God's love is like an amazing all consuming fire that warms.
 God's love is like finding peace instead of alarm.
 God's love is amazing, astounding, astonishing, and abiding.
 God's love is unshakeable, unbreakable, undeniable and undying.
 God's love is really just like God,
 Because God is love.



our church
SERVANT MINISTRY
 helping out in February

	Date	3	10	17	24
Nursery		Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson
Acolyte		Dane Bley	Natalie Carpenter	Reagan Cline	Emerson Horn
Sound (11)		Stephen Rauchfuss	Kent Riddle	Charlie Smith	Patrick Morgan
Greeter (9)		Debbie Eller	Barbara Weiller	Judi Sale	Sarah Sponenberg
Greeters (11)		Frances and Les Frye	Pam and Mark Barber	Houston and Kaeti Groome	Betty Lou Miller and Shirley Koontz



Attendance and Offering Report

by our
NUMBERS
 how we did in January

	Date	6	13	20	27
First Light		78	60	75	78
Sunday School		—	51	68	69
Traditional		116	89	135	161
Offering (General)		\$10,490	\$12,495	\$4,975	\$7,015
Offering (Others)		\$530	\$1,312	\$696	\$1,393

prayer
REQUESTS

in our thoughts and prayers

Debbie Wessinger
 Bill Heim
 Guy Walters
 Debbie Mason
 Ken Moss
 Kathy Harmon
 Jamie Armstrong
 Jake Watson
 Keith Watson
 George Maust
 Herb Crowell
 Vivian Laws
Renee Ingram's mother
 Roger and Jane Wilson
 Tony and Laura Lingle
 James and Betty Jo Winkler
 Sue Atkins
Courtney Swanson's mother
 Herman Anderson
 Teet Culbreth
Lenoir Healthcare
 Lillie Osborne



memorials and
HONORARIUMS
 we remember...

Gwen Teague
 Bobby Fulmer
 George and Sandy Maust
 David and Joyce Beard
 Les and Frances Frye
 George and Helen Crowell, Jr.
Building Fund
 Kent and Patsy Riddle
 Houston and Kaeti Groome
 Susan Morgan
 Don and Madeleine Haas
 Don and Barbara Weiller
General Fund
 Bill and Beverly Salsbury
 Carol Tighe
Backpack

Miriam Lewis
 Kent and Patsy Riddle
 Susan Morgan
 Don and Ann Edwards
 Doug and Kathy Saunders
General Fund
 Larry and Donna Staples
Music Ministry
 Bobby Fulmer
Building Fund
 Phyllis Munday
Backpack

Caroline Armstrong
 Bobby Fulmer
Building Fund
 Gary and Laura Ball
 Susan Morgan
General Fund

Elizabeth Graves
 David and Courtney Swanson
Backpack

Gary and Laura Ball*
 David and Courtney Swanson
Backpack Ministry

Jamie Jones*
 Chancel Handchimes
Music Ministry